

## HONORING THE LUMMI NATION SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. SUZAN K. DeLBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2014–2015 Lummi Nation School boys' basketball team. This year, Lummi put together a perfect 27–0 season, beating rival Neah Bay 54–33 in the Class 1B state championship game. I congratulate them on this exemplary achievement.

The title game was the first time two Native American teams faced off for a state championship in Washington, and the Blackhawks' victory was the first time a Native team has won the boys' 1B championship.

Along with the team's historic victory, four Lummi players also earned individual honors. Sophomore forward Trazil Lane was selected as the Associated Press (AP) Class 1B State Player of the Year after averaging 18.2 points per game. He was also selected as the Northwest League's (NWL's) Most Valuable Player.

Senior guard Austin Brockie averaged 14.2 points per game and was an AP all-state honorable mention and a first-team all-NWL selection. Senior Dino Williams was a first-team all-NWL selection, and senior Kavarez Lane was a second-team all-NWL selection. Lane was also chosen to play in the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association's (WIBCA's) all-state game. Finally, Coach Jerome Toby was selected as the WIBCA Coach of the Year.

The Blackhawks displayed a great deal of character and determination this season. Their success resulted from their hard work and ability to play unselfishly for their teammates.

Again, I congratulate the Lummi boys' basketball team on all of their success. Their accomplishments on the court this season are hard-earned and well-deserved.

## IN MEMORY OF JOHN PIERCE CALHOUN

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the following obituary was published April 5, 2015, in The Charlotte Observer.

JOHN PIERCE CALHOUN

CHARLOTTE.—John Pierce Calhoun (Jack) of Charlotte, North Carolina, died peacefully surrounded by his children on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. He was born in Ninety-Six, South Carolina, on November 18, 1926, the son of Alleyne Griffin Calhoun and John Nathaniel Calhoun. Mr. Calhoun spent his childhood years in Greenwood and Batesburg, South Carolina, before moving to Sumter, South Carolina, where he graduated from Edmonds High School in 1944. After a year at Clemson University, he served in the US Army for 26 months, during which time he attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in the US Army specialized training program. He was discharged from the Army in June 1946, returning to Clemson University where he received a BS degree in Civil Engineering in 1948. During his business career, he graduated from the

Advanced Management Program at Harvard University. Mr. Calhoun married Paula Frederick Whitaker of Kinston, North Carolina, on June 26, 1954. Employed by Rexnord Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he held company positions in various locations throughout the United States. He moved to Milwaukee in 1974, serving in management, and became Chairman and CEO of Rexnord Inc. After 35 years with the company, he retired in 1990. Over his career, Mr. Calhoun served on church, bank, and civic boards and industry associations. Upon moving to Charlotte after retirement, Mr. Calhoun became a member of Myers Park United Methodist Church and an associate member of Blowing Rock Methodist Church in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. He was a member of Charlotte Country Club, Piedmont Club of Charlotte, The Alotian Club, and Blowing Rock Country Club. Mr. Calhoun enjoyed golf, fishing, travel, and was an avid reader. Mr. Calhoun cherished every opportunity to be with his family and eight grandchildren who adored their "Poppy." He was a devoted and loving husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather. His strong work ethic, integrity and faith in God were his guiding principles. He had a wonderful ability to connect with people through his contagious sense of humor, wit, and kindness. He was a consummate gentleman with a perpetual twinkle in his eye. Mr. Calhoun brought happiness to all who knew and loved him, and he will remain an example in living for his family. His greatest legacy is the love and bond his family shares with one another. He is survived by daughter Paula Calhoun Ruffin and husband Dalton Dillard Ruffin, Jr. of Charlotte; Harriet Calhoun Stephens and husband Warren Amerine Stephens of Little Rock, Arkansas; and son John Nathaniel Calhoun II and wife Ansley Bost Calhoun of Charlotte. His grandchildren are Sarah Dickson Bourgeois and husband John Rion Bourgeois, Rebecca Stuart Dickson, Lydia Dillard Ruffin, Warren Miles Amerine Stephens, John Calhoun Stephens, Laura Whitaker Stephens, William Coulter Calhoun, and John Pierce Calhoun II. He is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Mr. Calhoun was predeceased by his parents, his wife and the love of his life for fifty-nine years, Paula Whitaker Calhoun, sister Miriam Cook McCrae of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and brother Charles Cooper Calhoun of Seabrook Island, South Carolina. A memorial service will be held at Myers Park United Methodist Church at 11:00 am on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Interment will be private. A visitation will also be held at the home of John and Ansley Calhoun, 531 Colville Road, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The family would like to thank Steffeny Harris for her care of and devotion to Mr. Calhoun and his family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Myers Park United Methodist Church, designated for The St. Luke's Fund, 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28207; Blowing Rock Methodist Church, P.O. Box 352, Blowing Rock, North Carolina 28605; The Salvation Army Center of Hope, 534 Spratt Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28206; and Crises Assistance Ministries, 500 Spratt Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28206. Robertson Funeral & Cremation Service is serving the family.

## IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. JACKI LOWE

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional business leader and outstanding citizen, Mrs. Jacki Lowe, on the occasion of her retirement from Georgia Power on April 1, 2015.

Mrs. Lowe has served as West Region Vice President of Georgia Power since 2005 but her career with Southern Company, which owns and operates Georgia Power, began more than forty years ago in 1974. A familiar face and name at Southern Company, she excelled in her many roles, which included Compensation Manager at Georgia Power as well as Benefits Manager, Compensation and Benefits Manager, Land Manager, and Assistant to the President at Alabama Power. She also served as Vice President and Regional Chief Information Officer for Alabama Power, Southern Company Services and Southern Nuclear in Birmingham. Before being appointed West Region Vice President, she served as Vice President of Supply Chain Management for Southern Company and Georgia Power.

As a female executive in the fourth largest utility company in the United States, Mrs. Lowe has in many ways broken through the glass ceiling in this male-dominated industry. Not only has her leadership set an example for other women, but she has also reached out and mentored many employees in order to help them reach their goals and objectives.

Mrs. Lowe holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Samford University in Birmingham. In addition to going above and beyond in her career, Mrs. Lowe has proven to be an exceptional member of her community. She serves on the boards of the Columbus Technical College Foundation, Columbus Regional Medical Foundation, Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers, Inc., Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, and the National Infantry Museum. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and presided as the Board Chair in 2013. In 2011, she chaired the Intercity Leadership Conference and the Diversity Conference and was honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award. She also is a past chair of the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority and the Columbus Economic Development Committee, as well as a past board member of the United Way of Chattahoochee Valley and the Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." Not only has Mrs. Lowe established a legacy for women in the workplace at Southern Company, but she has also done a tremendous job of giving back to the great city of Columbus, and I am very grateful for her tireless advocacy to make the community stronger. A woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise in her field are unparalleled, but her heart for helping others is what makes these qualities truly worthy.

Mrs. Lowe has accomplished much in her life but none of it would be possible without the love and support of her two sons, Matt and Jeremy, and her grandchildren, Gaines, Libby, Samuel, Carter, and Hudson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Mrs. Jacki Lowe upon the occasion of her retirement from an outstanding career spanning over four decades with Southern Company.

HONORING DEAN JOHN CHARLES  
(JACK) BOGER

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dean Jack Boger, the 13th Dean of the University of North Carolina School of Law, who will step down in June after nine years as Dean.

Dean Boger is a native of Concord, North Carolina and a graduate of Duke University, Yale University, and the UNC School of Law. After completing law school at UNC in 1974, he clerked with the Honorable Samuel Silverman of the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division and practiced for three years in the litigation department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City.

In 1978, Boger joined the staff of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, where he litigated capital punishment cases for a decade, becoming the director of the Fund's Capital Punishment Project in 1983 and a new poverty and justice program in 1987.

Boger became a member of the UNC School of Law faculty in 1990, going on to teach courses in constitutional law, education law, racial discrimination, and poverty law. In 2002, he became Deputy Director of the UNC Center for Civil Rights, working with Director Julius L. Chambers to encourage innovative civil rights research, train a new generation of civil rights attorneys, and address pressing civil rights issues in North Carolina and throughout the Southeast. In addition to his service at UNC, he has taught as a lecturer or adjunct professor at Harvard, New York Law School, and Florida State University.

In 2006, Boger became the UNC School of Law's 13th dean. His deanship has provided a steady hand and a strategic vision for the school during one of the more trying times in the history of legal education.

Dean Boger recently wrote that he has always understood the real meaning of the "Carolina Way" to be the unfaltering faith that light and truth, set free without fear or favor in a university setting, will eventually provide keys to meeting the deepest human needs. During his time as Dean, he has exemplified this understanding of the "Carolina Way" as well as the motto of the University of North Carolina: *Esse Quam Videri*, to be rather than to seem.

Thank you, Dean Boger, for your service as Dean of the University of North Carolina School of Law. On behalf of my colleagues in North Carolina's congressional delegation, I wish you good luck and Godspeed in all your future endeavors.

HONORING ADAM S.J. BATTLES

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam S.J. Battles. Adam is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Adam has earned the rank of Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and became a Member of the Order of the Arrow. Adam has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Adam built eight wooden benches for parents and spectators to sit on while watching events at the Northland Therapeutic Riding Center in Holt, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adam S.J. Battles for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EXEMPLARY SPORTSMANSHIP

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding members of the TIRR Memorial Hermann Hotwheels team on their victory at the National Wheelchair Basketball junior championship.

The team worked together with their dedicated coach to represent Texas and the Memorial Hermann Hotwheels competitively. The hard-working members of Hotwheels have demonstrated immense dedication to their team and each other, and exemplary sportsmanship and skill in wheelchair basketball.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Hotwheels on their hard-won victory at the National Wheelchair Basketball junior championship. Your dedication and commitment are a continued inspiration to us all. Best of luck in the future.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
THOMAS L. ROTELLA, JR.

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 29, 2015*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and retirement of Thomas L. Rotella, Jr. for his outstanding years of service in the Central Valley. Tom's 43 years of dedication and achievements deserves to be commended.

Tom's contributions to Fresno County began in his high school years while attending Roo-

sevelt High School. During this time, Tom was elected into Youth Council of the Fresno City Economic Opportunities Commission. After a year, Mayor Ted Wills appointed him as Chairperson for the Fresno City Youth Commission; which he served as for two years from 1973 to 1975. Tom also sat on the Fresno Community Development Commission for three years from 1973 to 1976.

Tom graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1974 and began attending evening classes at Fresno City College and throughout his educational lifetime, received 900 Hours of Labor Training at the William W. Winipisinger Educations and Technology Center. In 1976, he set foot on the path of his career by becoming a lot boy for Mid-Cal Ford Truck. Shortly afterward, he was given the opportunity of the Apprenticeship Program. In 1984, Tom completed the program as a Journeyman Mechanic and obtained three Masters in National Automotive Service of Excellence for Heavy Duty, Light Duty, and Automotive. He earned the position of Union Shop Steward, and was titled Assistant Service Manager for his last three years at Mid-Cal Ford Truck. He also held a California Smog License, as well as Brake, Lamp, and Air Conditioning Licenses.

In 1976, he joined the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW). During his years with IAMAW, Tom's accomplishments included becoming the Recording Secretary for IAMAW Local 1309 and Vice-President of IAMAW District 87. Since 1990, Tom has served for twenty-five years as a Business Representative and President/Directing Business Representative for IAMAW Local 653 and Business Representative for IAMAW District 190, and has been the President of the California Conference of Machinists for the past fifteen years. TOM also participated as the Lead Negotiator in coordinating bargaining for the Building Trades with Fresno Unified School District as well as coordinating bargaining with Sun-Maid Growers for the International Association of Machinists, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

In addition to his already lengthy resume, Tom has partook with the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League Planning Committee and was the past Vice President and current delegate to the Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties Central Labor Council. He served on the Civil Service Commission for Fresno County for nine years as a Business Representative, and the Automotive and Machinists Joint Apprenticeship Committee for thirty years since completing his apprenticeship in 1984, serving as Chairman of the committee for the last twenty-five years. As a part of the Apprenticeship Committee, Tom was a participant and an asset to the Trade Advisory Council for Chowchilla Women's Facility, Corcoran's Men Facility and Tehachapi Prison.

Tom has been happily married for thirty-six years to his wife, Barbara, and has been the proud father of three daughters and grandfather of five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary career of Thomas Rotella Jr., and to wish him the best of luck and satisfaction in his retirement and future endeavors.